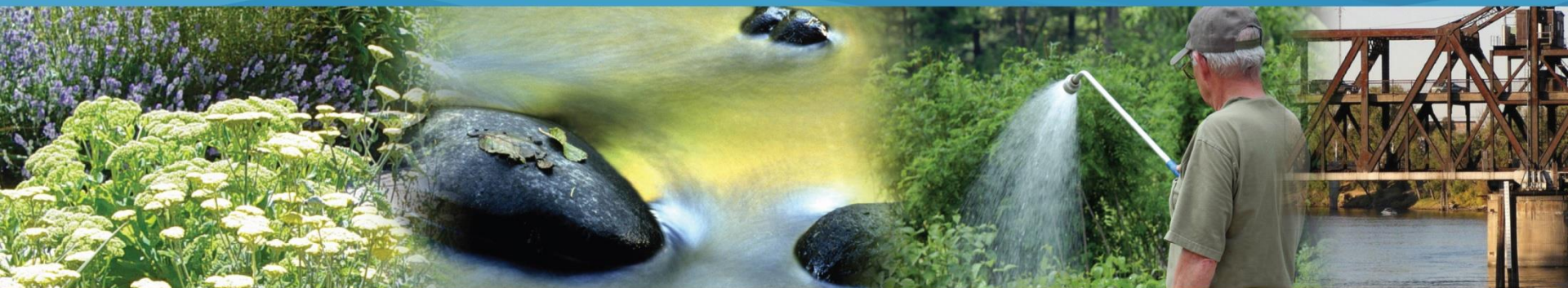




Get Ahead or Get Parched

Regional Resources

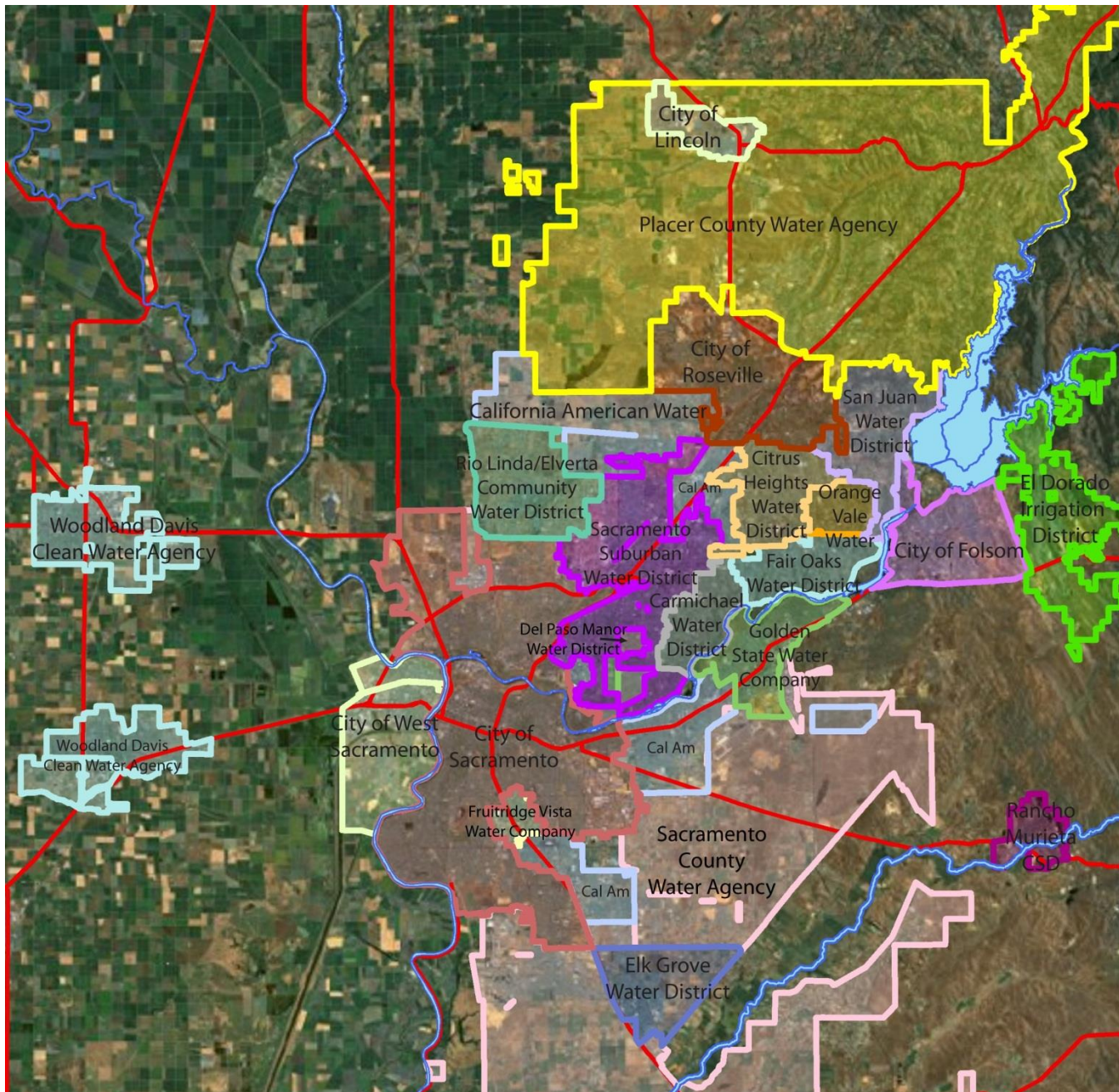
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FREE Water Wise Tips and Services: rwah2o.org or call us at: **888-WTR-TIPS** (888-987-8477)

- 24 water providers
- 2 million people
- Counties of:
 - Sacramento
 - Placer
 - El Dorado
- Cities of:
 - West Sacramento
 - Yuba City

“To serve and represent regional water supply interests and assist RWA members with protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability, and quality of water resources”







Help Your Trees Survive the Drought

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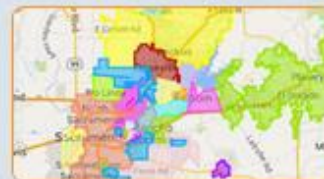
Rebates & Services



Top Ways to Save



Find Your Water Provider



Drought Information

The governor has declared a statewide drought. Find out what the drought means for you including watering guidelines.

[Learn More](#)

Water-wise Gardening

Create your wish list of low water-use plants! This comprehensive database includes 1,800 plants classified by plant type, botanical name, common name and water use. It includes garden tours for design ideas, a garden gallery to search for water efficient plants that meet your needs, water conservation tips, and much more.

Announcements

Governor Brown Directs First Ever Statewide Mandatory Water Reductions

Posted on April 3, 2015

Sacramento Region Continues Water Reductions Amid Expected Meager Snowpack Results

Posted on March 31, 2015

PCWA RESPONDS TO STATE'S CALL FOR WATER CONSERVATION

Posted on March 25, 2015

Student Videos Showcase Creativity, Humor — Water Spots Videos Need Your Vote!

Posted on March 18, 2015

Regional Water Authority, Local Water Providers Support State Water Board Efforts

Posted on March 17, 2015



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[Citrus Heights Water District](#)



[City of Folsom](#)



[City of Lincoln](#)



[City of Roseville](#)



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[Del Paso Manor Water District](#)



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[Placer County Water Agency](#)



[Rancho Murieta Community Service District](#)



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[Sacramento County Water Agency](#)



[Sacramento Suburban Water District](#)



[San Juan Water District](#)

Click here for tips on how to save water indoors and outdoors today!

Enter an address to find your water district:

Submit

Reset



Normal



up to
10%



up to
20%



up to
30%



up to
40%



up to
50%



over
50%

Map UPDATED on Mar 20, 2015.

ELK GROVE WATER DISTRICT

Status: 20% Reduction, with Mandatory Guidelines.

Water Source: Groundwater

Landscape Guidelines:

- Odd/even watering schedule, no irrigation between noon and 6 pm. We ask customers to voluntarily reduce their irrigation to twice a week, eliminating the weekend irrigation

Other General Guidelines:

- Use shut off nozzles.
- No runoff. No washing driveways or other paved areas.
- Fix leaks promptly.
- Restaurants to serve water only on request.
- All swimming pools, fountains and ponds must be on recirculating pumps.

Conservation Contact: Ellen Carlson Phone: (916) 685-3556

Water Waste Phone: (916) 685-3556

Website: www.egwd.org

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Welcome to the Sacramento Region Smart Sprinkler Scheduler

BASED ON CURRENT WEATHER

Calculates run-time minutes per week for a single sprinkler zone.



Scheduling for [drip zones](#) is not included.

Begin with the following:

Basic Scheduler ☐ [See video](#)

Advanced Scheduler ☒

Closest city (required) ▼

Zip code (required) ▼

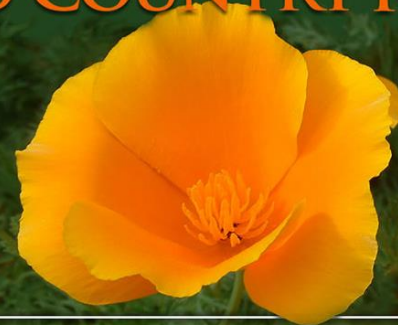
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Watering restrictions ▼

[What are my city's restrictions?](#)

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WATER-WISE GARDENING IN THE GOLD COUNTRY REGION



Find Your Water Provider
Want to contact your water provider about great rebates and programs?



Water Saving Tips:

Adjust sprinklers to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.

How can I help my trees survive a drought?

Posted on October 16, 2014



Your trees can survive a drought, and you can help them. Learn how in this brief video featuring sustainable landscape expert Cheryl Buckwalter.

[See another quick video](#) about how much water your garden really needs to thrive.

Resources

- Information on Graywater
- Publications

Rules of Thumb

Caring for Trees in a Drought

Sprinkler Tune Up

Sprinkler Check Up

Landscape Survival Tips

Sprinkler Symptom Solver

See brown spots in your lawn? Do your sprinklers dribble water even when the system is off? Have a geyser in your front yard that rivals Old Faithful? You've got sprinkler problems...our Sprinkler Symptom Solver can help! Select your sprinkler issue below and then check for potential solutions and ways to learn more about making repairs.

"Geysers" (water shooting out of sprinkler heads)

Water squirting out around the sprinkler head

Little or no water is exiting the spray head while the system is running

System has stopped watering in all zones at scheduled times

Misting or overspray

Water dribbles out of the top of sprinklers instead of in a nice strong spray

Spray falls short, creating brown spots and/or soaks the area around the sprinkler head

Dry or brown spots on lawn

Heads always seem to be wet, even when the system hasn't run in a while, or runs all of the time, even when the timer is off

Heads leak after the zone has completed its cycle

Sidewalks, streets, and fences that are wet or show signs of water damage

Partnerships

- Save Our Water
- Landscape
 - Working Group
 - Nursery Roundtable
 - Workshops, Trainings
- UC Extension
 - Harvest Day
- Education
 - Girl Scouts
 - Sacramento Bee
 - Presentations
 - Fish & Wildlife
- Car Wash Industry
 - Coupon Program

Educational Partnerships

- Media in Education
 - Water Spots Video Contest
 - 2014 theme: *Don't be a gutter flooder-- prevent overspray and runoff*
 - 2015 theme: *BEAT THE LEAK: Find and Fix Leaks Fast!*
 - Decorating Contest



Regional Programs

- Indoor Retrofits in Disadvantaged Communities
- Large Irrigation Water Budgets
- Car Wash Promotional Program (coming soon!)



DROUGHT FACE

BEARDS SAVE WATER

SO DO SHORTER SHOWERS AND FIXING LEAKS

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Rebates and Services Residential

- Water Wise House Calls
- Retrofit Kits
- Rebates
 - Irrigation efficiencies
 - Irrigation Timers
 - Cash for Grass
 - Toilets
 - Clothes Washers
 - SMART Irrigation Controllers



Rebates and Services

Commercial, Industrial, Institutional

- Water Wise Business Calls
- Irrigation Water Surveys (audits)
- Rebates
 - Pre-Rinse Spray Valves
 - Toilet / Urinal Rebates
 - Irrigation Efficiencies
 - Cash for grass
 - Custom Rebate Program



How to apply for rebates

- Contact your local water provider
- The requirements for rebates are different at each water agency.
- Funding may be limited.
- Submit receipts in a timely manner.



Sacramento Region Saves 19.3% in 2014 compared to 2013

REDUCTION BY VOLUME (million gallons)

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
2014	7,528	5,724	6,741	8,034	12,069	15,536	16,196	14,996	13,357	11,201	7,201	6,090	124,675
2013	6,333	6,602	9,218	11,048	16,025	17,968	20,742	19,335	15,975	13,680	9,804	7,729	154,459
%	-18.9%	13.3%	26.9%	27.3%	24.7%	13.5%	21.9%	22.4%	16.4%	18.1%	26.5%	21.2%	19.3%

DROUGHT CHAMPS

SACRAMENTO REGION LEADS
STATE IN WATER CONSERVATION

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WE
CAN DO
MORE!



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Conservation Continues

- Continue focus on outdoor conservation
- Increased indoor retrofits
- Continue Rebates
- Cash for Grass
- Expanded partnerships
 - Rain Garden Retrofit
 - Nursery partnerships



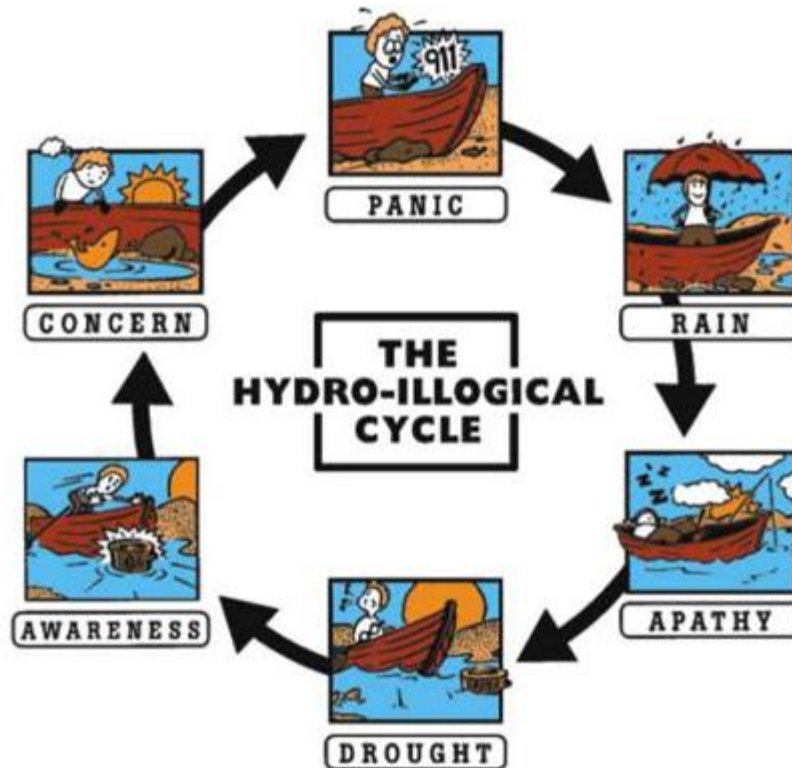
Resources

- Bewatersmart.info
 - For Sacramento area water providers
 - Complete list of rebates by agency
- Directly contact your water provider
 - Programs and incentives
- DWR
 - cdec.water.ca.gov
- Save our Water
 - saveourh2o.org



Great time for water conservation and efficiency!!

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Green Gardener Training Program

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What is the Green Gardener Training Program?

- High-quality training in ecologically-responsible landscaping
- Educates landscape-industry professionals who
 - Design
 - Install
 - Maintain
- Instruction to provide foundation in practices that
 - Conserve water
 - Reduce waste
 - Prevent urban stormwater pollution

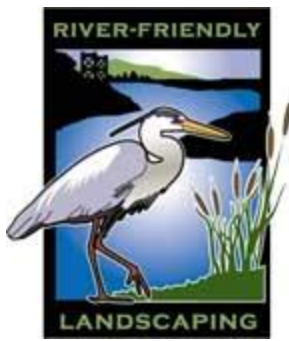




Class Topics

Support an integrated, watershed-based approach to landscaping:

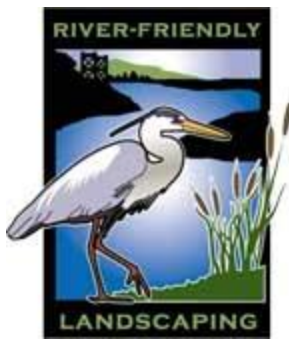
- River-Friendly Landscaping
- Soil Health
- Compost & Mulch
- Irrigation – 3 classes
- Right Plant, Right Place
- Integrated pest Management (IPM)
- Pruning for Plant Health
- Fertilizers & Turf Care



Earn CEUs

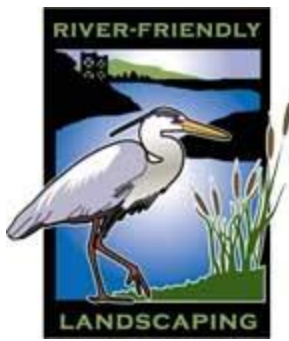
- Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Irrigation Association
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Association of Professional Landscape Designers





Foundation for...

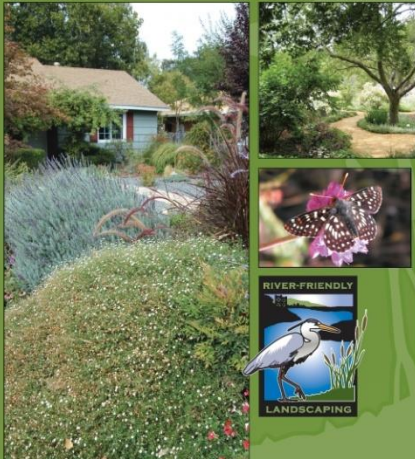
- Other certifications
 - Qualified Water Efficient Manager (QWEL)
 - Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor (CLIA)
 - Water Manager California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA)



Resources

RIVER-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

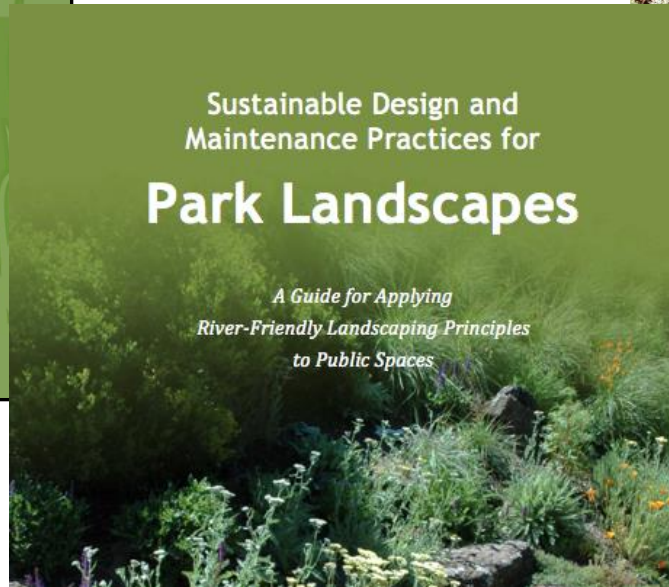
*Sustainable Practices
for the Landscape Professional*



Sustainable Design and Maintenance Practices for

Park Landscapes

*A Guide for Applying
River-Friendly Landscaping Principles
to Public Spaces*



A RIVER-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING GUIDE TO

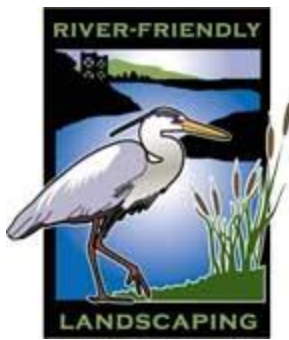
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SAVE MONEY, CONSERVE WATER, AND SUSTAIN HEALTHY LANDSCAPES



RiverFriendly.org



Promotion - RWA Website BeWaterSmart.info

About the Be Water Smart Program

Be Water Smart is a public outreach and school education focused program sponsored by the Regional Water Authority's Water Efficiency Program (WEP) and 20 water providers. These water providers in Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties plus the City of West Sacramento are working together to help their customers use water efficiently. This website was developed as part of the Be Water Smart program to provide information to customers on how to save water.



The WEP was established with the idea that water providers could maximize resources and customer services through collaboration. Partnerships, programs, awards, accomplishments and participating water providers are outlined below.

Partnerships Program Awards Accomplishments Participating Agencies

- Sacramento Bee: Water Spots Video Contest and Be Water Smart Curriculum Program
- Project Wet: School Education Teacher Trainings
- University of California (UC) Extension: Annual Harvest Day
- Ecolandscape California: Green Gardner Training Program
- Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD): Rebates
- Save Our Water partner
- Alliance for Water Efficiency member
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) WaterSense partner





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- We create solutions for environmental issues such as water conservation, water and air pollution, and global warming through our involvement with landscape professionals, public agencies, and the general public.

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River-Friendly Landscaping Green Gardener Training Program
Next professional class - Wednesdays, Sept. 17 through Nov. 19, 2014
[For Green Gardener Professional class details and to register now](#)
CEUs available - APLD, DPR, ISA, IA, QWEL

GREEN GARDENERS ARE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE!



Find a Qualified Professional Green Gardener

Qualified River-Friendly Green Gardener Business Referral List

New "Green Gardener at Home" Training Class begins Thursday Sept. 4, 2014 in Sacramento. CLASS is FULL
[For more information and to signup for the waitlist](#)



Sponsors





Next Class Begins September 9, 2015

- More information, visit:
 - ecolandscape.org
 - EcoLandscape California's table today!



RIVER-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING GREEN GARDENER TRAINING PROGRAM

Class Dates:

Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 9
through Nov. 11, 2015
From 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Cost:

\$150 for 10 consecutive sessions
Includes course materials

Registration: July 8, 2015
through Aug. 31, 2015

How do I sign up?

On-line registration at
www.ecolandscape.org
or
Mail completed registration form
(on reverse side) and check to:
EcoLandscape California
P.O. Box 162578
Sacramento, CA 95816

Class Location:

Rocklin Event Center
Garden Room
2650 Sunset Blvd.
Rocklin, CA 95677

Parking:

Free parking

**For more information about
the Green Gardener Training
Program,** visit
www.ecolandscape.org
or call the Program Manager at
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What is the River-Friendly Landscaping Green Gardener Training Program?

River-Friendly Landscaping is an integrated, watershed-based approach to landscaping that works with nature to reduce waste, prevent pollution, and support the integrity of the Sacramento region's waterways.

The Green Gardener Training Program is a ten-week series of classes that provides participants with a foundation of knowledge on the following topics:

- River-Friendly Landscaping Principles
- Soil Health
- Mulches and Compost
- Irrigation (3 Classes)
- Right Plant, Right Place
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Pruning for Plant Health
- Fertilizers & Turf Care

Who should participate in the Green Gardener Training Program for Professionals?

The Green Gardener Program educates and qualifies in-the-field landscape professionals who maintain, install, and design:

- Commercial landscapes
- Residential landscapes
- Municipal landscapes
- Schools, parks, and recreational amenities

